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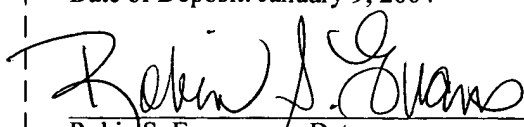
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EXAMINER INITIAL		PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	INVENTOR	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
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	A2	5,586,868	12-24-1996	Lawless, et al			
	A3	5,816,779	10-6-1998	Lawless, et al			
	A4	6,231,320	5-15-2001	Lawless, et al			

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